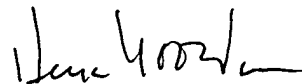


## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 and 45 to 52 are pending with the entry of the present Amendment. Claims 1-27, 45, and 47 are the original claims as filed. Claim 46 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. Support for this is found in the claim (46) since  $x$  is defined as 0 or 1 and  $y$  is defined as 1 or 2, it is obvious that the recitation of " $x > y$  if  $y$  is 2" cannot be the case. In addition, claim 1 has the same definition which is recited correctly. Claims 28-44 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 48-52 are added to better define the subject matter contained in the canceled claims. Additional support for the new claims can be found in the Specification, pages 5-8. No new matter has been added with the present Amendment.

It is believed that this submission does not require the payment of any fees. However, if this is incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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